

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY GABORONE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 8666

INFO AMEMBASSY LUSAKA PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY MAPUTO PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY MASERU PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY MBABANE PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY PRETORIA PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY MOSCOW PRIORITY

C O N F I D E N T I A L GABORONE 1722

PRETORIA FOR RSO

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PDIP, PINR, BC, UR

SUBJECT: SOVIETS TO ESTABLISH EMBASSY IN GABORONE

REF: A) STATE A4180; B) GABORONE 464

1. S.A. MPUCHANE, UNDER-SECRETARY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, TOLD EMBOFF SEPTEMBER 10 THAT A SOVIET CHARGE'D'AFFAIRES WILL ARRIVE WITHIN NEXT SEVERAL DAYS TO OPEN AN EMBASSY. KEEPING IN MIND PARA 1 REF A, EMBOFF ASKED WHETHER SOLODOVNIKOV IN LUSAKA WOULD THEN SERVE AS NON-RESIDENT AMBASSADOR TO BOTSWANA AS HAVE HIS PREDECESSORS. MPUCHANE DID NOT KNOW.

2. ASSISTANT PROTOCOL OFFICER DISEKO LATER TOLD EMBOFF THAT TIMING OF OPENING IS POOR AS SOVIETS HAVE NO ACCOMMODATIONS OR OFFICE SPACE LINED UP. CHINESE STAYED AT HOLIDAY INN FOR SOME TIME BEFORE MOVING INTO THEIR RESIDENCE/CHANCERY. HOWEVER, THIS OPTION NOT AVAILABLE AS GOB HAS TAKEN OVER ALL HOTELS FOR TENTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS. ACCORDING TO DISEKO, GOB NOW STUCK WITH TASK OF FINDING TEMPORARY SPACE FOR SOVIETS.

3. COMMENT: SHORT NOTICE OF ARRIVAL HAS CAUSED SOME PIQUE  
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IN GOB EXTERNAL AFFAIRS. HOWEVER, SOVIETS LIKELY WANT

RESIDENT DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BEFORE TENTH ANNIVERSARY  
CELEBRATIONS WHICH BEGIN SEPTEMBER 27 END COMMENT.  
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